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SUBJECT: VISITS BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

REF: (A) STATE 069534 (B) ALGIERS 782

1. AS NOTED ALGIERS 782, WE HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR UNDER SECRETARY WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY MINISTER ABDESSELAM AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SECYGEN BENHABYLES. IF PAST PRACTICE CONTINUES, GOA WILL NOT INFORM US UNTIL LAST MINUTE OF TIMES THESE MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE, AND THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE PRECISE SCHEDULE FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT. SIMILARLY, ALGERIANS HAVE NOT INDICATED WHAT, IF ANY, OFFICIAL FUNCITIONS THEY PLAN FOR UNDER SECRETARY.

2. GIVEN FOREGOING SITUATION, FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS BEST WE CAN DO AT MOMENT:

APRIL 10

1330 - ARRIVE ALGIERS ON BOARD AH 1423. MET BY MOHAMED ABERKANE, CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; AND CHARGE STEPHEN R. LYNE.

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LOUNGE PRIOR TO LEAVING AIRPORT.

14 15 - ARRIVE AT CHARGE LYNE'S RESIDENCE. NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON.

2000 - SMALL DINNER AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE. AT PRESENT CHARGE CONTEMPLATES INVITING BENHABYLES,

PRESIDENCY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL SMAIL HAMANDI, MOHAMED ABERKANE, POLITICAL OFFICER DUNBAR AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHERS IN ADDITION TO UNDER SECRETARY AND MR. FORBES.

APRIL 11

0900 TO 1230 - POSSIBLE CALLS ON GOA OFFICIALS AND MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF.

1300 - IF PAST PRACTICE CONTINUES, BENHABYLES WILL GIVE LUNCHEON IN UNDER SECRETARY'S HONOR AT FONMIN VILLA IN ALGIERS. HALF DOZEN OR SO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL MAY BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN ADDITION TO UNDER SECRETARY, CHARGE LYNE, MR. FORBES AND EMBASSY OFFICERS.

1500 - 1800 - POSSIBLE CALLS ON GOA OFFICIALS.

2000 - POSSIBLE GOA DINNER IN UNDER SECRETARY'S HONOR. CHARGE LYNE, MR. FORBES AND ONE OR TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT IF IT TAKES PLACE. ALTERNATIVELY, POLITICAL OFFICER DUNBAR COULD GIVE DINNER AT HIS RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF UNDER SECRETARY TO WHICH THREE OR FOUR WESTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS, CHARGE LYNE AND MR. FORBES WOULD BE INVITED.

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0825 - DEPART LYNE'S RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT. INFORMAL PRESS INTERVIEW, SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE ON ARRIVAL, POSSIBLE PRIOR TO BORADING AIRCRAFT.

1025 - <code>DEPART</code> ALGIER FOR TUNIS ON BOARD LN 312 (LIBYAN AIRLINES).

- 3. APRIL 10 AND 11 DINNERS AND GUEST LISTS COULD CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD GOA GIVE DINNER ON APRIL 10 OR 11, IT MIGHT BE THAT CHARGE LYNE WOULD GIVE DINNER ON OTHER NIGHT FOR UNDER SECRETARY AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS.
- 4. DINNER JACKET NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED FOR ALGIERS.
- 5. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS POLITICAL OFFICER CHARLES F. DUNBAR, HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER 78-36-09.DUNBAR

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